

2014 NZ Geographic Photographer of the Year



PORTFOLIO: PETER JAMES QUINN













































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2014 New Zealand Geographic Photographer of the Year, Peter James Quinn, specialises in corporate and editorial location photography throughout the Australasia-South Pacific region and is considered one of New Zealand's preeminent social documentary photographers with work shown in museums around the world. Peter is an alumni of the Wellington Polytechnic (now Massey University) School of Design's Professional Photography course, 1989, and upon graduation was commissioned to photograph the book "Staunch - Inside New Zealand's Gangs," reputedly the most stolen book from New Zealand libraries. A set of those images now forms a part of the permanent collection at Te Papa Tongarewa - The Museum of New Zealand. Following this, Peter began working as a contract photographer and writer for the New Zealand Geographic magazine and to date has completed over 40 large-scale feature assignments for it, culminating in a 20-year retrospective book "New Zealanders in Focus - the documentary photography of Peter James Quinn" published by New Zealand Geographic and included in the NZ Listener's 100 best books of 2010. His earlier book "Highway 35 - Travels around East Cape" was a finalist in the 1999 Montana NZ Book Awards (Illustrative Arts) and Peter was the 2002 Corporate/Editorial category winner in the Epson NZ Professional Photography Awards. A permanent exhibition of his New Zealand Geographic project documenting the immigrant cultures along Auckland's Great South Road hangs in the Fisher & Paykel Foyer of the Vodafone Event Centre in Manukau City. In 2013, PenguinRandomHouse released the 240 page hardcover book, "Tuhoe - Portrait of a Nation," concept designed by Peter and illustrated with his photographs, celebrating the iwi's historic treaty settlement. Peter also received Creative New Zealand funding to support the mounting of his Ngai Tuhoe portraits in the exhibition, "Te Urewera Conversations" at Te Koputu a Te Whanga a Toi Museum & Exhibition Centre in Whakatane.

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